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Application No. 09/830,968; § 371 Date: November 6, 2001
For: **Method for the Massive Culture of Cells Producing Recombinant
Human Erythropoietin**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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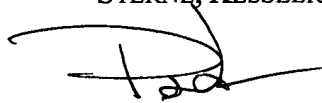
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Respectfully submitted,

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